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SUMMARY: CANADAS HAD NOT YET BUT MAY SOON TAKE DECISION TO
EXTEND FISHERIES ZONE TO 200 MILES DEPENDING ON POST-
NEW YORK ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY PROGRESS IN LOS
CONFERENCE. IF DECIDED, EXTENSION LIKELY BE IMPLEMENTED
AT TIME CLOSE TO BUT SLIGHTLY ANTICIPATING US
EXTENSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ST JOHNS DAILY NEWS ITEM ALLEGING GOC HAS TAKEN
DECISION TO DECLARE 200-MILE LIMIT (REFTEL) TRIGGERED
MINOR FLURRY OF INTEREST IN OTTAWA RE GOC POSITION ON
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ISSUE. STRONGEST REACTION CAME FROM FISHERIES MINISTER

ROMEO LEBALANC WHO ASSERTED THAT CANADA WILL AWAIT COMPLETION OF CURRENT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

2. EXTAFF OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT ST JOHN'S STORY NOT ACCURATE AND THAT NO RPT NOT DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO DECLARE 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT. HE ALSO CONFIRMED GOC PLANS TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF LOS CONFERENCE SESSION IN NEW YORK BEFORE DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH ACTION. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEACHEN IS WRITING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ASSURE HIM THAT US WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED AS MATTER PROCEEDS, AND CANADIAN ACTIONS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH U.S. WITH REGARD TO ST JOHN'S STORY, EXTAFF OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IT AS "WISHFUL THINKING" SINCE OBVIOUSLY NEWFOUNDLAND FISHING INDUSTRY WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXTENSION AND IS SO PRESSURING GOC. EAST COAST FISHERIES ARE PARTICULARLY LOUD PRESSURE GROUP, BUT SO FAR GOC HAS BEEN ABLE RESIST WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY.

3. REGARDING PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON US EXTENSION OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES, EXTAFF OFFICIAL INDICATED CANADA VIEWED US ACTION VERY POSITIVELY SINCE IT GAVE SENSE OF URGENCY TO LOS CONFERENCE. GOC WAS PREPARED TO SAY SO PUBLICLY BUT QUESTION WAS NEVER ASKED.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPT IS AWARE, GOC NEEDS ONLY ORDER IN COUNCIL AND 60-DAY WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO EXTENSION OF FISHING JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES. SO IT COULD TAKE SUCH ACTION ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE. HOWEVER, WHAT IS INTERESTING HERE IS THAT GOC MAY HAVE SUBTLY CHANGED THE TIMING FOR A DECISION ON EXTENSION. GOC HAS CONSISTENTLY SAID IN PAST THAT IT WOULD AWAIT COMPLETION OF 1976 LOS MEETINGS BEFORE DECIDING WHAT TO DO. NEWFOUNDLAND PRESSURE, DISCOURAGEMENT OVER LOS PROGRESS, NATIONALIST DESIRE TO ACT BEFORE US DOES, AND PARTICULARLY US DECISION ITSELF MAY HAVE PUSHED GOC TO DECIDE ON MAJOR REVIEW OF PROGRESS AFTER PRESENT NY SESSION. THAT REVIEW COULD LEAD GOC TO CONCLUDE THAT INADEQUACY OF PROGRESS IN LOS JUSTIFIES ABANDONMENT OF PRESENT POLICY OF REFRAINING FROM UNILATERAL ACTION UNTIL LOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBILITIES EXHAUSTED. THUS THERE COULD BE A GOC DECISION IN MAY TO PROCEED WITH 200-MILE FISHERY EXTENSION SOMETIME IN EARLY 1977 AT A DATE SLIGHTLY IN ADVANCE OF US MOVE. ENDERS

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